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## General

Niue, a self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand, is located in the South Pacific Ocean about 580 miles W of Rarotonga in position 19°02'S, 169°55'W.

Niue is a raised coral outcrop with a fringing coral reef around a precipitous and broken coastline. The island takes the shape of two terraces, the lower being 27m above sea level and the upper saucer-shaped plateau rising to 65m.

The climate is tropical modified by SE trade winds.

The terrain is steep limestone cliffs along its coast and central plateau.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

Niue is a self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand and is fully responsible for internal affairs.

New Zealand retains responsibility for any of its external affairs. The administrative center and port is at Alofi on the W coast.

The capital is Alofi.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

January 1, New Year's Day; February 6, Waitangi Day; Good Friday; Easter Monday; April 25, Anzac Day; Early June, Queen's Birthday; August 4, Constitution Day; December 25, Christmas Day; December 26, Boxing Day; Peniamina Day; Annexation Day; and Takai.

## Industries

The main industries are based on tourism, handicrafts, and food processing. The most important products of the island are copra, passion fruit, honey, and limes.

Exports go mainly to New Zealand, then to Fiji and Australia.

## Languages

The official language of Niue is English. The indigenous language is a Polynesian dialect peculiar to the island, but closely related to that of Tonga and Samoa.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is XRAY (+11).

## U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices in Niue.